SUMMARY

Information Technology (IT) is one of the single most important issues confronting Utah State Government. Virtually every activity, program, or operation of the State involves IT as an essential partner in conducting the State's business.

The State's vast and growing stores of information and data are one of its most valuable assets. Protecting this asset—keeping it guarded, safe, secure, and private (when protected by law) requires no small effort. The Department of Technology Services (DTS) has recently reported that it must guard against more than a million attempted malicious intrusions against the State's IT systems on a daily basis. By statute, DTS serves other Executive Branch Agencies (UCA 63F-1-102). These agencies are listed in the following table.

Executive Branch Agencies Served By DTS		
Administrative Services (DAS)	Agriculture	Alcohol Beverage Control (DABC)
Board of Pardons and Parole	Commerce	Heritage and Arts
Corrections (DOC)	Financial Institutions	Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Governor's Office	Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED)	Health (DOH)
Human Resources (DHRM)	Human Services	Insurance
Labor Commission	Natural Resources (DNR)	Public Safety (DPS)
Public Service Commission (PSC)	Tax Commission	Transportation (UDOT)
	Workforce Services (DWS)	

IT SECURITY BUILDING BLOCK

With ever more frequent and sophisticated attacks against the State's data and information systems occurring across the spectrum of Executive Branch Agencies, the Governor and DTS are requesting a building block to address this issue. The Governor recommended in his budget a FY 2013 supplemental appropriation (one-time) of $9,537,000 and ongoing funding of $3,044,700 beginning in FY 2014 for IT Security Maintenance and Upgrades. Due to the sensitivity of this project, the Analyst chooses to forgo addressing details of the composition of the building block and defers to the DTS Senior Management team on this matter. DTS Leadership has met with Legislative Leaders for discussions and is available to address concerns and provide information to members of the Legislature in appropriate venues.

FUNDING OPTIONS

There are a range of options available to address funding. But it is important to remember that the State's budgeting effort in this General Session will be impacted by decisions of the Federal Government which have yet to be made. Some funding options and sources include appropriations from the General Fund; Restricted Funds (which could require statutory amendment), and borrowing from the General Fund. The Governor, Legislature, DTS Leadership and Staff Support will likely meet in the remaining weeks of the Session to determine a workable fiscal plan.